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SUBJ: CUBAN TRADE MISSION VISIT TO COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA A-42 BOGOTA 4676

1. A CUBAN TRADE MISSION, HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR ARNOLD RODRIGUEZ, VISIT COLOMBIA LAST WEEK. THEY SPENT THREE DAYS IN BOGOTA, MEETING WITH SEVERAL GOC OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AGRICULTURE MINISTER, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE, AND DIRECTOR OF PROEXPO, AND THEN MOVED ON TO CALI AND MEDELLIN. IN CALI THEY MET WITH DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL SUGAR GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. IN MEDELLIN THEY MET WITH LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND WITH SEVERAL TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS.

2. THE DELEGATES DECIDED THAT COLOMBO-CUBAN TRADE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REGULATED BY A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT OR OTHER AGREEMENT SUCH AS CONTROL COLOMBIA'S TRADE WITH EASTERN EUROPE. TRADE WILL BE ON A TRANSACTION BY TRANSACTION BASIS, ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF EACH COUNTRY.

3. THE PRODUCTS MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE
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INCLUDE THE ITEMS LISTED IN REPAIR, WITH THE FOLLOW-

ING ADDITIONS: FOR SALE FROM CUBA TO COLOMBIA--CANNED FOODS (ESP. FRUITS) AND PHARMACEUTICALS; FOR SALE FROM COLOMBIA TO CUBA--FERTILIZERS, ELECTRIC CABLES, SCREWS AND NUTS, CONVEYOR BELTS, TANNED HIDES, CHEMICALS (ESP. CALCIUM PHOSPHATE), AND SOYBEANS.

4. CUBA DOES NOT EXPECT TO PURCHASE MEAT, BUT PROBABLY WILL BUY MEAT-PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. CUBAN PURCHASES OF COLOMBIAN CEMENT (REFTEL) HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

5. THE DELEGATES DECLARED THAT THEY FORESEE NO TRANSPORTATION OR FINANCING PROBLEMS.

6. THE CUBAN OFFICIALS MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOGOTA INTERNATIONAL FAIR, AND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT FAIR SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1976.
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